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Pennsylvania Egg Production Up 5 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA – June 1, 2010 - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during April 2010 totaled 571 million eggs, up 5 percent from the 542 million eggs produced in April 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The total number of layers averaged 23.5 million during April, a three percent increase from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,426 eggs during the month, an increase of 46 eggs overall from April 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched in Pennsylvania totaled 13.3 million during April 2010, down one percent from the same month last year.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.55 billion during April 2010, up one percent from last year. Production included 6.47 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.00 billion were broiler-type and 74 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2010 averaged 340 million, a slight decrease from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,220 eggs, an increase of 23 eggs from April 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2010 totaled 47.5 million, up 11 percent from April 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2010 totaled 767 million, up one percent from April 2009. There were 24.4 million net poults placed during April 2010 in the United States, up 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

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